Cancellation of recruitment examination by Railways

1200. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have cancelled/postponed some of its recruitment examination which were to be held in November, 2003; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railway Recruitment Boards(RRBs)/Guwahati and Mumbai had notified 2720 and 2274 vacancies respectively for recruitment to Group 'D' posts. RRB/Guwahati had fixed written examinations on 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November and 7th and 14th December, 2003. Examination on 9th and 16th November, 2003 have already been conducted. In view of some incidents which occurred at some examination centres at Guwahati, Ministry of Railways have decided to postpone the remaining Group 'D' examinations of RRB/Guwahati. Press release in this regard has also been issued on 18.11.2003.

Similarly, RRB/Mumbai had also planned for conducting written examinations on 16th and 23rd November and 7th and 14th December, 2003. Examination was peacefully conducted on 16.11.2003 in all examination centres. But on 18.11.2003, some miscreants caused extensive damage to the computer system, office and other records of RRB/Mumbai. Since RRB/Mumbai was unable to access vital information and records, the Ministry of Railways decided to postpone written examinations being conducted by RRB/Mumbai. Press release in this regard was issued on 21.11.2003.

Report of Disaster Management Committee

1201. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new action plan based on Corporate Safety Plan (2003—13) and report of Railways Disaster Management Committee has been prepared by organisation to ensure effective implementation of issues;

(b) if so, whether Railways have decided to complete speedily all targeted projects without compromising with the quality of procurement of materials;

(c) whether nexus between Railway officials and scrap mafia which resulted in a scam worth hundred of crores each year has compelled Minister to discuss this issue with GMs; and

(d) if so, whether Ministry has accepted recommendations made by recently constituted high-level committee to review disaster management system of Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) and (d) The "Corporate Safety Plan" for the period 2003-2013 has been finalized, which envisages an action plan for safety related works in the ten year period.

The high level committee constituted by the Ministry of Railways has reviewed the Disaster Management System over Indian Railways and its recommendations for strengthening and streamlining the existing machinery have been accepted for implementation.

(b) The timeframe for completion of works/projects identified in the Corporate Safety Plan would depend on the quantum of work involved over the entire Indian Railways and availability of resources from year to year. Norms do not permit any compromise in quality of material.

(c) Regular checks are made in the area of sale of scrap and if any irregularity is found, appropriate remedial measures are taken. No incident of nexus between Railway official and scrap mafia has come to notice.

Rail line between Gargara Halt and Shahjahanpur

†1202. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that doubling of railway lines has not yet been done between Gargara Halt and Shahjahanpur which makes a train to stay for a long time to give pass to another train;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when this project is planned to be started?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.